



GWPA31 - Discovery Great Wall Hiking (private)

3-day Chengjiapu, Jinshanling to Gubeikou

PRICE

Group size	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Price/USD each	420	435	450	465	480	525	560	890

For group sizes over 9 please send us an email request to obtain the best possible rate.

Children under age 12 receive 50% discount. Children under 5 are free. Children's price is based on adult travelers. Please send us children's details in email.

Remember when comparing price, you get what you pay for. We don't earn money by taking you to commissioned shopping stops, a common practice in China, wasting your time. Our guides are carefully selected, highly trained and well-paid to be friendly and patient travel companions. We are not the cheapest, but we are one of the best.

BOOKING: customer@greatwallhiking.com

WHY US?

- Great Wall hiking specialist with western standard service
- No hidden cost; no unscheduled or mandatory shopping stops
- Licensed tour guides and experienced drivers; safe and comfortable vehicles
- Your satisfaction and safety is our priority
- Responsible travel

TRIP NOTES

Trip name: Discovery Great Wall Hiking: Three-day Chenjiapu, Jinshanling to Gubeikou (private)

Trip code: GWPA31

Trip length: 3 days

Hiking sections: Chenjiapu, Jinshanling, Gubeikou

Meeting point and time: Your hotel at 08:00 on Day 1

Finishing point and time: Your hotel at 17:00 on Day 3

Hiking duration: 5 hours on Day 1, 5 hours on Day 2, 5 hours on Day 3

Best time to go: late March to early November

Highlights:

- *Untouched sections of the Great Wall at Chenjiapu and Gubeikou
- *Partially restored section of the Great Wall at Jinshanling
- *Stunning photo opportunity of the Great Wall
- *Accommodation and food at local farmer's guesthouses
- *Meals as listed in itinerary

Physical rating: ★★★★★ **Strenuous**

Departure: your selected date, start and finish in Beijing, all year round

**Included:**

- comfortable air-con vehicle with experienced driver
- fully-escorted personal expert English-speaking hiking tour guide
- entrance fees of all section of the Great Wall as listed
- 2 nights twin-shared accommodation at local farmer's guesthouse
- bottled water on hiking; snacks; meals as listed in the itinerary
- a certificate of completion for hiking on the Great Wall of China

Not included:

- travel insurance
- cable car, chairlift or any other additional local facilities
- personal expenses
- tipping of hiking guide/driver recommended on good service on a 2:1 ratio separately

What to take:

comfortable boots, sunscreen, sun-glasses, first aid kit, lip balm, cap

Notes:

- You will hike the Wall from A to B every day and your belongings will go with the car/van directly to the accommodation, and you need a day pack to carry water, snacks and other stuff.
- There is no toilet along the path on the Wall. There are toilets at the entrance of Chenjiapu, Jinshanling and Gubeikou, otherwise be prepared to commune with nature. Please prepare before hiking and always carry toilet paper by yourself.
- Bottled waters are stored in our car/van every day.
- We will bring trekking poles in our car/van and please tell your guide if you need one.
- It's recommended to prepare your own snacks before your departure from Beijing if you don't like snickers.
- Travel insurance is optional and is the sole responsibility of travellers. It is encouraged to have coverage of injury or accident.
- As responsible travelers, we "take nothing but photos, leave nothing but footprint".

Customized pick-up & drop-off:

If you plan the hike on the first or last day of your duration in Beijing, we can include a customized pick-up or drop-off at the following points without additional cost. It's safe to store your luggage at our car/van.

Beijing Capital International Airport (PEK): arrival before 7am or departure after 7pm

Beijing Railway Station: arrival before 8am or departure after 7pm

Beijingxi (West) Railway Station (train to/from Xi'an): arrival before 8am or departure after 7:30pm

Beijing Fengtai Railway Station (train to/from Pingyao/Datong): arrival before 8am or departure after 7:30pm

Beijingnan (South) Railway Station (train to/from Shanghai): arrival before 8am or departure after 7pm

Beijing Daxing International Airport (PKX) is a little further out of the city. Please email us for customized pick-up & drop-off. Additional cost is applied.



DETAILED ITINERARY

The wild wall at Chenjiapu and Gubeikou displays the ruined and original condition of the wall. Jinshanling presents the partially-restored combination of landscape and cultural architecture from tower to tower. Immerse yourself in the rural life in China and learn the details of locals. You will be rewarded by your effort and courage on the Great Wall of China.

Day 1 Beijing - Chenjiapu - Gubeikou (5 hours, 8 km hiking)

We will pick you up at 8 am at your hotel in Beijing and then drive to Chenjiapu village. We will start the hiking at 9:30 am, and it will take 5 hours on this original part of the Wall. We will have a late lunch after the hiking and then drive to Gubeikou for overnight. The driving will take up to 3 hours.

The wall at Chenjiapu village connects Badaling in the north and is vital to protect the capital in the Ming Dynasty. There were also fierce battles between Chinese and Japanese invaders in World War II. There're almost no people on this section. The major part of the Wall is original, ruined and slippery. Only a few watchtowers were restored and preserved. Currently the Wall is the border between Beijing and Hebei Province, and was the border between Han Chinese and nomadic Mongolians in ancient times. The Wall rises up and down on the mountain ridges with solid granite foundation and bricks steps. It's strong wind and freezing cold here in winter.

Meals: lunch, dinner

Accommodation: local farmer's guesthouse with private bathroom and shower at Gubeikou village

Optional upgrade: camping by the Great Wall can be organised upon request

Day 2 Jinshanling East to West (5 hours/10 km hiking)

Finishing breakfast by 8am and drive to Jinshanling East (the same spot as Simatai West). You will start the hiking around 8:30 am, and it will take about 5 hours to complete the hiking. We will prepare sandwiches as picnic lunch on the Wall. We will drive back to Gubeikou village after the hiking.

A 40-minute steps walking up will lead you to East-Five-Eye watchtower at Jinshanling East/Simatai West where you could have a panoramic view of both Simatai in the east and Jinshanling in the west in far distance. You may take a few breaths before reaching the Wall, and will be rewarded by the breathtaking panoramic view of this amazing human constructions. Take a short break and some photos here, we will then walk westward at Jinshanling. We will have a lunch break at Taochunkou after 3.5 hours walking, and then get off the Wall to walk through farming field for 1.5 hours until Jinshanling West.

This section offers arguably the finest hiking anywhere on the Great Wall. It is extremely photogenic, with over 50 watch-towers, and steep gradients that give constantly changing perspectives and wide, open views. There is fascinating variety in the watch-towers here. Some have two storeys, others three. Some have flat roofs, others rounded and others again are pitched with upturned eaves. This section of the wall is wild, ruined, preserved and original. On a clear day, it is difficult to fail to take good photographs here.



Our driver will take us to Gubeikou village (20 minutes driving) after the hiking. You're free to explore the village in the afternoon. You will learn dumplings-making instructed by the host in late afternoon. The dinner is served with dumplings and other local produces together.

Meals: breakfast/picnic lunch/dinner with dumplings

Accommodation: local farmer's guesthouse with private bathroom and shower at Gubeikou village

Day 3 Jinshanling West to Gubeikou (5 hours/10 km), Beijing

We will drive to Jinshanling West in 20 minutes after breakfast, and start at the spot where we finished the day before. Walking through the jungles and bushes for 40 minutes, we will reach the 24-Eye Tower at Gubeikou. You will have a panoramic view of Gubeikou: Coiling Dragon Hill (Panlongshan) and Crouching Tiger Hill (Wohushan) in far distance. Continuing the hiking toward General Tower, which was bombed by Japanese in WWII. The Wall is becoming more ruined and delayed in the remaining 2 hours when approaching the village. We will walk straight to the local restaurant when completing the hiking.

Gubeikou, along with the passes at Shanhaiguan in the east and Juyongguan in the west, was a key strategic target in military campaigns since ancient times. Protecting these three passes was considered vital for keeping Beijing safe from the Mongolian nomads. There was also a fierce battle between Chinese and Japanese in the 2nd World War. The vistas of the sinuous Wall snaking its way over the ridges of the Yanshan Mountain are breathtaking.

We will drive back to Beijing after lunch. We will have a stop at the **Olympic venues** for 30 minutes and will walk around the venues: Bird Nest and Water cubic.

Note: we can organise a shower after the hiking if you go straight to airport or train station.

Meals: breakfast/lunch

PAYMENT

We accept credit card payment via PayPal which is safe and fast. **Non-refundable deposit** is required via PayPal at the time of booking, remaining payment can be paid via PayPal as well before leaving home. If you want to pay the outstanding balance upon arrival, then cash payment (either USD or CNY) is accepted, as well as Alipay, which works much better than WeChat pay.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Days before departure	Charge applicable
Not less than 14 days	Loss of deposit
Between 7 and 13 days	Loss of 50% of the total booking cost or loss of deposit; whichever is the greater
6 days or less	Loss of total booking cost

